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STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE SAN FRANCISCO

In the Matter of the Licenses and Licensing Rights of

ORDER SUSPENDING AND REMOVING FROM OFFICE AND EMPLOYMENT WITH PRODUCTION AGENCY, and NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HEARING

File No. 11LA001197

Maria Balandra

Respondent

TO: MARIA BALANDRA:

YOU ARE HEREBY IMMEDIATELY PROHIBITED from participating in any manner in the business of an insurer or insurance production agency, including engaging in any employment, management or control of any production agency, or from acting as an individual insurance producer, absent prior written consent of the Insurance Commissioner.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the conduct, conditions and grounds which the Insurance Commissioner deems violative of the provisions of California Insurance Code section 1748.5(e), on which this action is based, are as follows:

- (a) At all times mentioned herein, Respondent Maria Balandra has been licensed as a Property Broker-agent and Casualty Broker-Agent pursuant to license number 0B90257.
- (b) On or about August 29, 2012, in Case Number GA087223 in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, a felony complaint was filed charging Respondent Maria Balandra with eight (8) counts of criminal activity as follows:
 - Three (3) counts of burglary, in violation of Penal Code section 459;
 - Five (5) counts of grand theft, in violation of Penal Code section 487(a); all

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felonies.

- (d) A copy of the certified felony complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by referenced.
- (e) The crimes alleged involve Respondent's transaction of the business of insurance as a licensed insurance producer and her continued employment creates an ongoing opportunity to continue the conduct, exposing consumers to financial or other injury.

By reason of the foregoing, the Commissioner finds that Respondent has been charged in a complaint with a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year and which involves as one of its necessary elements a fraudulent act or an act of dishonesty in the acceptance, custody, or payment of money or property, and that a failure to immediately issue the order threatens the financial solvency of an insurer or may cause financial or other injury to any person, pursuant to Section 1748.5, subdivision(e)(1), of the California Insurance Code.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HEARING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this Order, you may file with the Insurance Commissioner an application for an hearing on the Order, addressed to Jamie Katz, Attorney, California Department of Insurance, Legal Division, San Francisco Enforcement Bureau, 45 Fremont Street, 21th Floor, San Francisco, California 94105.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that upon written request to the Insurance Commissioner at the above address, you may request an extension of the thirty (30) day period by an additional thirty (30) days provided that the request is filed with the Insurance Commissioner within thirty (30) days after the Order is issued.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a hearing will be scheduled within fifteen (15) business days after the application for a hearing is filed or within a longer period of time if requested by you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a violation of this Order may result in civil penalties of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day for which the violation continues.

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This Order is issued as of the date set forth below and is effective immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 5^{th} day of November 2012.

DAVE JONES

Insurance Commissioner

Ву

Teresa R. Campbell Assistant Chief Counsel

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

NO. GA087223 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA VS. CURRENT DATE DEFENDANT 01: MARIA BALANDRA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY EFFECTING ARREST: SAN GABRIEL POLICE DEPT.

PAGE NO. CURRENT DATE 09/05/12

BAIL: APPEARANCE AMOUNT DATE OF BAIL DATE POSTED RECEIPT OR SURETY COMPANY BOND NO.

REGISTER NUMBER

CASE FILED ON 08/29/12.

COMPLAINT FILED, DECLARED OR SWORN TO CHARGING DEFENDANT WITH HAVING COMMITTED, ON OR ABOUT 01/08/10 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE(S) OF:

FENSE(S) OF:
COUNT 01: 459 PC FEL
COUNT 02: 459 PC FEL
COUNT 03: 459 PC FEL
COUNT 04: 487(A) PC FEL
COUNT 05: 487(A) PC FEL
COUNT 06: 487(A) PC FEL
COUNT 07: 487(A) PC FEL

COUNT 08: 487(A) PC FEL NEXT SCHEDULED EVENT: ARREST WARRANT ISSUED

ON 08/30/12 AT 900 AM IN ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE DEPT 005

CASE CALLED FOR JUDICIAL ACTION

PARTIES: CARLOS A. URANGA (JUDGE) JENNY REYES (CLERK)
NONE (REP) NONE (DDA)
DEFENDANT IS NOT PRESENT IN COURT, AND NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL THE MATTER IS NOT CALLED FOR HEARING.

THE COURT FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE, AN ARREST WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$230,000) IS ISSUED FORTHWITH.

NEXT SCHEDULED EVENT: ARREST WARRANT TO ISSUE

08/30/12 ARREST WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,000.00 BY ORDER OF JUDGE CARLOS

A. URANGA ISSUED. (08/30/12).

ON 09/05/12 AT 830 AM IN ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE DEPT 005

CASE CALLED FOR BENCH WARRANT HEARING PARTIES: CARLOS A. URANGA (JUDGE) JENNY REYES (CLERK)
JANET GRANGER (REP) KATHLEEN M GI KATHLEEN M GENTRY (DDA)

DEFENDANT DEMANDS COUNSEL. COURT REFERS DEFENDANT TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

PUBLIC DEFENDER APPOINTED. G. ZAMORANO-REAGIN - P.D. DEFENDANT IS PRESENT IN COURT, AND REPRESENTED BY G. ZAMORANO-REAGIN DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT AND THE ARREST REPORT GIVEN TO DEFENDANTS COUNSEL. DEFENDANT WAIVES ARRAIGNMENT, READING OF COMPLAINT, AND STATEMENT OF

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY RIGHTS.

DEFENDANT PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO COUNT 01, 459 PC.

DEFENDANT PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO COUNT 02, 459 PC.

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DEFENDANT PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO COUNT 03, 459 PC.
DEFENDANT PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO COUNT 04, 487(A) PC.
DEFENDANT PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO COUNT 05, 487(A) PC.
DEFENDANT PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO COUNT 06, 487(A) PC.
DEFENDANT PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO COUNT 07, 487(A) PC.
DEFENDANT PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO COUNT 08, 487(A) PC.
THE COURT ORDERS A PRE-PLEA REPORT PURSUANT TO PENAL CODE SECTION 1203.7.
THE DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL CONSENTS TO A PRE-PLEA INTERVIEW; HOWEVER, THE
DEFENDANT MAY NOT BE INTERVIEWED ABOUT THE FACTS IN THE PENDING CASE.
COURT ORDERS AND FINDINGS:
-THE COURT ORDERS THE DEFENDANT TO APPEAR ON THE NEXT COURT DATE.
THE DEFENDANT SURRENDERS ON THE ARREST WARRANT. THE ARREST

THE DEFENDANT WAIVES TIME FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING PLUS 10 COURT DAYS; COUNSEL JOINS.

THE MATTER IS CONTINUED FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING SETTING ON THE

DATE AND TIME AS INDICATED BELOW.

THE COURT STATES THAT IT HAS READ AND CONSIDERED THE FAVORABLE

O.R. REPORT.

WITHOUT OPPOSITION, THE DEFENDANT'S REQUEST TO BE RELEASED ON HER OWN-RECOGNIZANCE IS GRANTED.

SUPERIOR COURT RELEASE ACO20101 IS ISSUED FORTHWITH.

A COPY OF THIS MINUTE ORDER AND DISCOVERY ARE FORWARDED TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT; PROBATION REFERRAL ISSUED.

AN OWN-RECOGNIZANCE RELEASE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED AND FILED THIS DATE.
WAIVES STATUTORY TIME.
NEXT SCHEDULED EVENT:
UPON MOTION OF DEFENDANT
10/03/12 900 AM PRELIM SETTING/RESETTING DIST ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE DEPT 005
DAY 00 OF 10

09/05/12 ARREST WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,000.00 RECALLED. (09/05/12).

CUSTODY STATUS: RELEASED ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE.

09/05/12

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ELECTRONIC DOCKET ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE AS OF THE ABOVE DATE.

JOHN A. CLARKE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BY _____, DEPUTY

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